

## WOULD APPOINT SUPERINTENDENT

Official Has Quick Action Plan of Relief During Coal and Food Shortages.

Thinks Places Should Be Established Where Things Could Be Bought at Cost.

Columbus. — (Special) — Dr. Z. B. Campbell, chairman of the state civil service commission, has a quick action plan of relief during coal and food shortages. He thinks the legislature should authorize the governor to appoint a market superintendent, to be attached to the board of agriculture.

"During times of stress he should be allowed money to establish markets where needed," Campbell says. "Commodities which the public is unable to get at all or for which it is forced to pay sky-high prices should be sold there at cost." Such action, he thinks, should be taken while the state utilities commission is probing shortages.

**\$1,000 for Best Ohio Song.**  
Celebration of Washington's birthday anniversary at Ohio State university resulted in the offer of \$1,000 for the writing of the best song entitled "Ohio."

Gov. James M. Cox suggested to the legislature, the majority of the members of which were present, that before adjournment they appropriate \$1,000 as a reward to the person who will write the best Ohio song. "If you won't do this," he said, "I'll give it myself."

Coming as most welcome tidings to the university also was the governor's expression of the need of a women's building for which the girl students have been struggling for years.

Ohio State university had a special entertainment for all members of the assembly who were in the city, the purpose being to acquaint them with the work and the importance of the institution. This year the university is seeking some large appropriations for new departments, and the lawmakers must supply the funds. The alumni association co-operated with the faculty and officials, escorted the members and their wives to the university and entertained them with a drill of the cadets, nearly 2,000 young men in natty uniforms being in line. There was a luncheon at noon, and inspection of the group of buildings later.

**Cox O. K.'s Woman Suffrage.**  
With no woman witness of the event, Gov. James M. Cox signed the Reynolds bill enfranchising the women of Ohio. The signature was placed on the bill in the presence only of the author, Representative James M. Reynolds of Cleveland.

That the bill was signed was due solely to the unflinching persistence of its author. Early in the day the house bill completed its stay in the hands of the enrollment committee and was ready to be reported out. When all was done in the house, Reynolds went with the message to the clerk of the house, after Speaker E. J. Hople had signed the bill, and was able to get without delay the signature of the presiding officer of the senate, Lieut. Gov. Earl D. Bloom. Then, with the document in his hand, he hurried to the office of the governor, placed the measure before him, secured his signature and completed the legislation.

After Speaker Hople had signed the bill, on motion of I. S. Guthery of Marion county the house voted to Reynolds the pen with which it was signed. Reynolds has been most persistent in pushing the bill from the start.

Reynolds also obtained the pen that was used by Lieut. Gov. Bloom in signing the bill. While in the office of the governor he had a real surprise. After Gov. Cox had written his name on the bill he handed the pen to Reynolds, with the wish that it might become the property of Reynolds' daughter, Miss Nina. That was what Reynolds desired most of all, and it came without request. He carried the pen as he left for his home in Cleveland.

**Reforms, Returns to Pen.**  
Warden Thomas of the Ohio penitentiary has a new problem. The other morning a runaway prisoner, missing for nearly two years, walked in and surrendered. He had served nearly a year for non-support when he ran away. This is the story the prisoner told, all of which was corroborated.

When he ran away he went to Indiana, went to work, sent money to his family to pay all bills, has kept the family supplied with funds since, and had saved a little store of money to care for the family for the future. He went to Crawford county, turned the funds over to the family, said goodbye and returned to the pen. The man is Taylor Still of Crawford county.

**State Board of Clemency.**  
General plans have been completed by Gov. James M. Cox for a state board of clemency, to take over the work of hearing applications of prisoners in state institutions who seek commutation, pardon or parole. At present the parole work rests in the hands of the state board of administration, while pardon work is handled by the state board of pardons. The board of administration, handling 22,000 state wards, finds little time to give adequate investigation, to the parole work, and, of necessity, depends largely on other sources.

**Rank Foolishness.**  
You occasionally see it stated that colds do not result from cold weather. That is rank foolishness. Were it true colds would be as prevalent in midsummer as in mid-winter. The microbe that causes colds flourishes in damp, cold weather. To get rid of a cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effective and is highly recommended by people who have used it for many years as occasion required, and know its real value. Obtainable everywhere.—adv.

### JOHN E. HOLDEN.



Senator Holden is author of the resolution submitting the suffrage constitutional amendment.

#### Adopts Chapman Resolution.

The house has adopted the Chapman resolution to recess on March 3 until March 20, and adjourn sine die on March 20. Next the house, by a large vote, adopted the Stokes resolution creating a calendar or "steering" committee to arrange a calendar daily, putting bills ahead in the order of their importance. The action makes it highly probable that the administration plans for a short session will be realized. The Democrats caucused just before the session and adopted the plan of James A. Reynolds of Cuyahoga county for putting the resolutions through. The Reynolds strategy enabled them to catch the minority napping, and the caucus plan was a complete success. Reynolds is almost certain to land on the steering committee.

#### Standardizing Civil Service Salaries.

If the present assembly follows the recommendation of the state civil service commission, made in a report to Gov. Cox, it will write into the appropriation bill a section providing that all civil service employees be paid standardized salaries, in accordance with the rules of the commission and at rates prescribed for the various groups of the standardized service. Instances are shown of \$600 being paid in one state department and \$1,800 in another for exactly the same kind of work. The commission recommends that before an applicant be considered he should have practical training in that line of work. It criticizes miners being appointed as bakeshop inspectors.

#### Vocational Training for Blind.

Under the bill of Representative Myers of Cleveland, which passed the house, vocational training for the blind can be provided. The state is to pay \$250 a year for each blind child in those schools and in addition \$250 for boarding each blind child. It is stipulated, however, that the number of such boarders shall not exceed one-fourth of the total of blind children in any school. The recommendation of Gov. Willis in his valedictory message to the assembly that job selling be prohibited bore fruit when the house, by unanimous vote, passed the Chapman bill making it a misdemeanor for foreman, superintendents and "straw bosses" requiring men hired by them to pay them for jobs.

#### To Fade Scarlet Women.

Columbus vice crusaders declare that passage of the Shinn bill for abatement of nuisances by injunction would put into their hands the most effective weapon yet for warring on organized vice. Shinn's bill provides for a \$500 tax on the person who knowingly permits his property to be used for immoral purposes or refuses to take action once he is notified. Injunctions are designated as the means of procedure, and their hearing takes precedence over practically all other court business. Copies of injunctions are required to be posted on the doors of immoral houses, and their mutilation may lead to a charge of contempt of court. Abrogation of leases on property used for disorderly houses is made legal, to give the owner of the property one way out. To safeguard owners, however, it is stipulated in the Shinn bill that if an injunction is asked without the backing of reasonable charges the instigator may be compelled to pay court costs. The bill, it was said, was drawn under the tutelage of Rev. A. S. Gregg, head of the American Civic Reform union, Cleveland.

#### New Highway Department.

Gov. Cox, in his address to the legislature, recommended the creation of an advisory commission of three non-salaried citizens to have co-equal power with the highway commissioner in making contracts and fixing the locality of roads. With the commission he desires a financial deputy from the office of the auditor of state, pointing out that under the present law the state highway commissioner had power to spend \$10,000,000 almost without supervision.

#### State Probe of Food Prices.

Ohio may get a state probe of food prices and distribution. The state utilities commission is ready to start if shortage of food develops at any point. That was one of the outstanding features of the coal investigation session. The other was the charge of the coal operators that a combination of high financiers, controlled railways and munition makers are hogging transportation and letting the rest of the country suffer. The declaration for a state probe came from Freeman T. Eagleton, legal representative of the commission.

#### Little Girl Had Croup.

Every mother knows and fears croup. Mrs. R. M. Raney, R. F. D. 2, Stanford, Ky., writes: "My little girl had croup every few nights. I began to give her Foley's Honey and Tar and that night she slept well, never coughed any, and the next day her cold was gone." Relieves coughs and colds. Contains no opiates. F. A. Morris, Canfield.—adv.

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## SUFFER HORRORS AS LINER IS TORPEDOED

Men, Women and Children Drift Aimlessly About in Dark for Five Hours

Queenstown, Feb. 28.—From quivering lips of pale-faced, agony-stricken men and women came, piece by piece, the first full story of the Laconia disaster. Queenstown, hardened by many a tale of horror lived through by countless souls a few miles off shore; Queenstown, the first piece of land, the first warm refuge for the victims of scores of sea catastrophes in two years and a half, stands against the narrative of the Laconia's sinking by two torpedoes off Fastnet, is told.

Even the horrors of the Lusitania were mild compared with those suffered by the 350 men, women and children aboard the Laconia, of whom 13—by a miracle only 13—are believed to have been killed. For the Lusitania was sent to the bottom in broad daylight. The Laconia's passengers and crew drifted aimlessly for five hours in eight boats tossed by violent swells 12 feet high—and all around was deep darkness in which flares and rockets seemed ridiculous mockery.

Three things stand out in the disaster:

The death from exposure of two American women, Mrs. and Miss Hoy—"buried at sea," as the laconic official telegram from the American consul puts it.

The bravery of Mrs. Frank Harris, an American woman, who will go down in the history of marine disasters as the heroine of the Laconia.

The conduct of the liner's two wireless operators, who stuck to the ship until the radio room was almost on a level with the sea as it greedily swallowed up the ocean giant—imperturbably they kept sending their faithful S. O. S. signal—"Save our souls."

## TWENTY DIE IN WRECK

Lives Snuffed Out as Freight Ploughs Into Passenger.

Mount Union, Pa., Feb. 28.—Nineteen passengers and a Pullman porter were killed when a fast train crashed into the rear of the Mercantile express train No. 6, of the Pennsylvania railroad, eastbound, at the station here. The sleeping car Bellewood, on the rear of the express, was telescoped and every one in it with the exception of a woman and boy killed. The express, due here at 11:44 p. m., arrived 12 minutes late with brake trouble. It was held here while the trouble was remedied, and the signal to start had been given when the "preference" freight, speeding between 50 and 60 miles an hour, crashed into the rear sleeper. The impact smashed it into a compact mass. Caught in their berths, the passengers had not the slightest chance for their lives.

Mistaken signals, air brake trouble and the fog are believed by road officials to have caused the fatal train wreck.

#### U-Boats Hit Fremont.

Fremont, O., Feb. 28.—At least one Fremont industry is feeling the effects of the U-boat blockade. This concern is the Burford Motor Truck Co., which has been making and shipping many trucks to the allies since the war started. Because the company cannot fill the European orders, a large force of men was laid off.

#### 'Home, Sweet Home' Brings \$360.

New York, Feb. 28.—"Home, Sweet Home," in the handwriting of John Howard Payne, its author, and signed by him, has brought \$360 at auction here. The manuscript was dated at Washington, Aug. 10, 1850.

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### COUNTY SCHOOL COLUMN

Practically all plans are perfected for the County Literary Contest which will be held on Friday evening, March 9. The contestants for the different schools are as follows: For the orations which will be held at North Jackson—Russell John, Coltsville; George Dixon, Petersburg; Russell Geiger, North Lima; Paul May, Boardman; Russell Donehue, Austintown; Lea A. Cobbs, Damascus; Kenneth Cope, Sebring; Ralph Dressel, Greenford; Lena Dewitt, North Jackson; Wallace Helser, Berlin Center; Wallace Helser, Berlin Center; Thaddeus Rose, Canfield; Maud Taylor, Beloit. The contestants for the original short stories which will be held at North Lima are—Agnes Burgeson, Boardman; Ralph Steer, Damascus; Gertrude Stanley, Beloit; Helen Patton, North Jackson; Paul Leshner, North Lima; Mary Ewing, Petersburg; Helen Holte, Austintown; Margaret Jenkins, Sebring; Goldie Duchess, Berlin Center; Ruth Hoover, Greenford; Mollie Gould, Poland; Gladys I. Rahn, Coltsville; Emma Flattery, Lowellville. The contestants for the essays which will be held at Canfield are: Agnes Hon, Damascus; Robert Stafford, Boardman; Emily Toole, Beloit; Leroy Anderson, Canfield; Honor Russell, North Jackson; Nila Pfau, North Lima; Paul Metzler, Petersburg; Leonard Samartino, Lowellville; Cyril Hundley, Sebring; Ida Jeffries, Austintown; Lena Diver, Ben Center; Marjorie Cooke, Greenford; May Cover, Poland; Martha Dickson, Coltsville. The contestants for the readings which will be held at Petersburg are: Bertha James, Beloit; Helen Forbes, Sebring; Irma Holmes, Austintown; Vernice Schrader, Lowellville; Grace Macklin, Petersburg; Helen Sutton, North Lima; Marie Gallagher, North Jackson; Edith Seeger, New Springfield; Helen Whinery, Damascus; Ruth Patterson, Boardman; Helen P. Beight, Poland; Leroy Bush, Greenford; Lindley Vickers, Berlin Center; Thelma Dickson, Canfield.

The Washington program held at Austintown centralized school on Thursday evening was largely attended. The program rendered by the school was most excellent and everybody was a unit in pronouncing it one of the best patriotic programs ever witnessed.

On the same evening an interesting patriotic program was held in the Eureka school in Beaver township.

Many other similar programs and "community sings" were held throughout the county.

The basketball game between Petersburg and Lowellville on Friday evening the 23rd, resulted in a victory for Petersburg. This makes things look like winning for Petersburg in the A. League. No reports for the B League or Grade League have been received. This Friday evening the following games are scheduled: A League—Struthers vs. Petersburg; B League—Austintown vs. Science Hill; Grade—Coltsville vs. Boardman; Struthers vs. Canfield; East Youngstown vs. Austintown.

The teachers' examination for March will be held in Rayen high school Saturday, March 3. James Dustman, teacher in District No. 1 Goshen township, found it necessary to resign last week. Miss Mildred Jones of Hubbard has been secured to fill the vacancy. We very much regret the loss of Mr. Dustman who was teaching his third year in the county and was giving splendid satisfaction.

### FINE TRIP TO CALIFORNIA

Described By a Mahoning County man Now Visiting on the Pacific Coast.

Long Beach, Cal., Feb. 15, 1917. Editor Dispatch:—A brief report of my trip to the Golden Gate may not be uninteresting to your readers. I left Youngstown Jan. 10, taking the evening Erie train for Cincinnati, at which point I boarded an N. E. train for New Orleans. The journey through Kentucky and Tennessee was made in the night. As daylight appeared we were nearing Decatur, Alabama, where the Tennessee river was crossed. This is a large navigable stream and in crossing it I recalled that memorable day of April 6, 1862, when Gen. Buell took his troops across it. A number of Mahoning county boys were in Gen. Nelson's division which went to reinforce Gen. Grant's forces at the battle of Pittsburgh Landing. With the aid of Buell's forces the battle was won April 7.

All the way to Decatur the ground was lightly covered with snow. The country along this line is mountainous the greater part of the way until Birmingham, Ala., the Pittsburgh of the south, is reached. Birmingham is a fine city, having many large buildings, some of them 20 stories high. Here are mountains of limestone and it is said almost inexhaustible beds of coal and iron ore. As we neared Montgomery green leaves were noticeable on some of the trees. Arrived in Mobile on the evening of Jan. 11. Many negro huts were noticed along the way, all set on posts, of course having no cellars. No gardens were in evidence. While in Mobile we saw many green lawns, flowers and semitropical shrubbery. At Morgan park we had an opportunity to see the effects of the great storm and tidal wave with which all readers are familiar. On Jan. 13 we left for New Orleans, 140 miles distant. All along the route could be seen the effects of the tidal wave. Many miles were traveled over water which seemed to be everywhere. Much of the country is only a few feet higher than the Gulf of Mexico and easily flooded. On the higher ground are many winter resorts. And in those sections Satsuma oranges are grown and there is much truck gardening. Of my visit in New Orleans and remainder of the trip I will write later.

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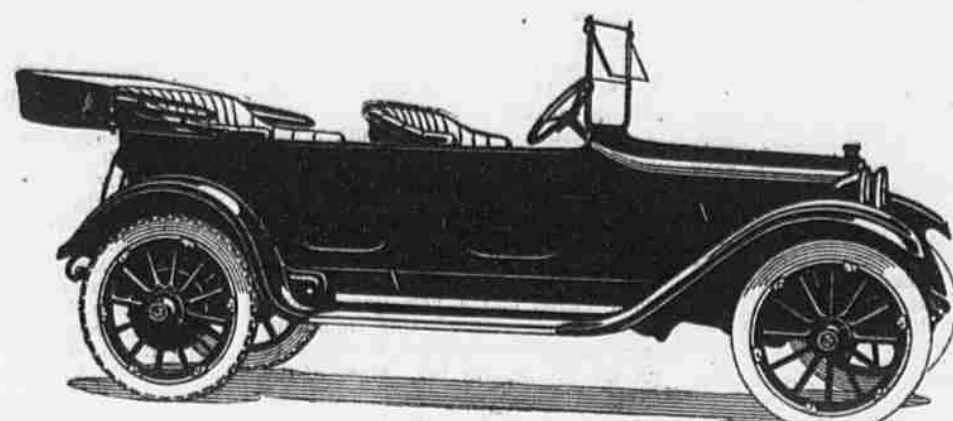
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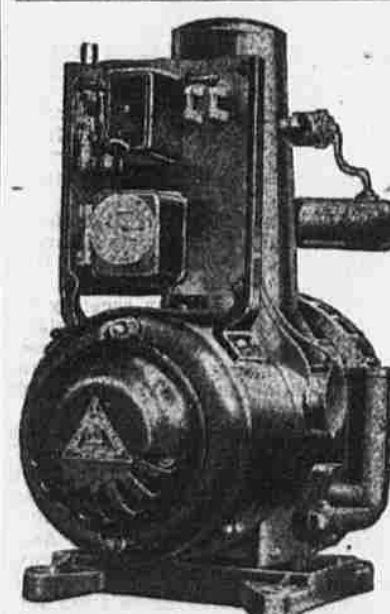
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